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Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we would like all of you to turn off your cell phones, your pagers, your computers. We shall be led in prayer today by the Reverend Esther Mitchell of the James Memorial AME Church in Maywood. Reverend Mitchell is a guest of Representative Karen Yarbrough. The guests in the gallery are asked to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Reverend Mitchell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker of the House. Shall we look now to the Lord. Dear God, creator of government, governor, and sustainer of all, we come this afternoon, first of all I'd like to thank You for the opportunity that You have given to me. Secondly, I would like to thank You for these dedicated persons that serve the citizens of the State of Illinois. We're indebted to them as well as past persons who labor and serve and provide what we need for the people of our state. And now we ask for this 93rd Session of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois House of Representatives wisdom, knowledge, and unity as they focus on the varied issues of this Session. Grant to them expediency of purpose, loyalty, and commitment to their office, and a deep sense of gratitude to You for the privilege of service. Bless the leaders of our state that they may continue to be all that You would have them to be. And to thank You for the opportunity You have afforded them. And now, we ask that peace, understanding, and tolerance, and equity will be a part of this meeting this

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afternoon in all of their deliberations. And it is in Your name we pray with thanksgiving. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W. -et al: "I pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Collins and Younge are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Parke is excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 114 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Committee Reports. Representative Steve Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 06, 2003, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 885. Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Madigan: "On the Order of Senate Bill's-Second Reading there appears Senate Bill 885. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 885, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Notions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration. A fiscal note has been requested on the Bill as amended. That note has not been filed."

Speaker Madigan: "The Bill shall be held on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Osterman."

Osterman: "An announcement to the Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Within the next hour we're gonna be having the Senate House softball game out at Lincoln Park. And we'd like everybody to come out and join us. The House has won the last three years and we hope to keep it a fourth year in a row. The Senate is... had Chief Illiniwek doing a rain dance all day to avoid this defeat. But, we'd like to welcome everybody to come out to the game. And those that are playing, get out there as soon as you can. Lincoln Park in the next half hour."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to remind those people who are not going directly to the game or leaving the game a little early that the... all public museums are having a reception at the Illinois State Museum this evening, so try and stop by. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Point of information. For those of you who can get the weather on your laptops, you might want to notice that the huge storm

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is bearing down on Springfield as I speak. So, I'm not sure about the softball game. I am sure of one thing. The Cable Television and Communication Association of Illinois is having their reception tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Illinois State Library. It was my distinct privilege to meet their special guest back in my office about an hour and half ago. A very important part of my education in my youth, Tina Louise, who played the lovely and talented Ginger on Gilligan's Island will be in attendance this evening. She will not be back until about 7:30, she and I are going on a one hour cruise."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Rossi. Excuse me, Mr. Clerk, just... Mr. Clerk, one second. Representative Howard."

Howard: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to remind all Members of the Computer Technology Committee, we will be meeting in the morning rather than on Thursday. And it's going to be at 8:30 in Room 115. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Attention Members, if I could have your attention just for a second. The 93rd General Assembly group photograph will be taken tomorrow morning at 11:30 a.m. So, you... the House will convene tomorrow at 11:30 and we will take the 93rd General Assembly photograph. So, you need to be here by 11:30. And the Members should also remove any items from the top of their desk prior to leaving tonight."

Speaker Madigan: "If there's nothing further to come before the Body the Chair plans to adjourn the Regular Session and to

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resume the Black Committee of the Whole. There being nothing further, Representative Currie moves that the Regular Session of the House stand adjourned until tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. And please remember that we will be taking the class picture tomorrow. So, those in favor of the Motion say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. And the House does stand adjourned until 11:30 a.m. tomorrow morning. First, for the purpose of taking the class picture. And the House does resolve to convene a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of a subject matter hearing concerning the FY 2004 budget for education. And for that purpose, Representative Smith shall serve as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole."